

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC 20554**

In the Matter of)	
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Request for Review of the)	
Decision of the)	
Universal Service Administrator by)	
)	
Municipal Telephone Exchange)	File No. SLD- 237704
Baltimore, Maryland)	
)	
Federal-State Joint Board on)	CC Docket No. 96-45
Universal Service)	
)	
Changes to the Board of Directors of the)	CC Docket No. 97-21
National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc.)	

ORDER

Adopted: March 20, 2002

Released: March 21, 2002

By the Accounting Policy Division, Common Carrier Bureau:

1. The Accounting Policy Division has under consideration a Request for Review filed by Municipal Telephone Exchange, Baltimore, Maryland.¹ At the same time that Municipal Telephone Exchange filed its request with the Commission, it filed a request for review with the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company (Administrator).² For the reasons set forth below, we dismiss Municipal Telephone Exchange’s Request for Review to the Commission without prejudice.

2. The Commission's rules regarding appeals of SLD decisions do not contemplate simultaneous requests to the Commission and the Administrator.³ In this case, because Municipal Telephone Exchange has a request pending before the Administrator, we dismiss Municipal Telephone Exchange’s Request for Review to the Commission without prejudice. Once the Administrator has issued its decision on Municipal Telephone Exchange’s initial

¹ Letter from Kim Gray, Municipal Telephone Exchange, to Federal Communications Commission, filed February 22, 2002 (Request for Review).

² Letter from Kim Gray, Municipal Telephone Exchange, to Schools and Libraries Division, Universal Service Administrative Company, filed February 22, 2002 (Request for Administrator Review).

³ 47 C.F.R. § 54.720 (allowing appeals to either the Commission or the Administrator, but tolling the filing period with the Commission, when an applicant has an appeal pending with the Administrator, until the Administrator issues a decision on the appeal).

request, Municipal Telephone Exchange may then appeal to the Commission if it believes such appeal is warranted at that time.⁴

3. ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ORDERED, pursuant to authority delegated under sections 0.91, 0.291, and 54.722(a) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.91, 0.291, and 54.722(a), that the Request for Review filed by Municipal Telephone Exchange, Baltimore, Maryland, IS DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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⁴ See 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.719 – 54.725 (setting forth rights of review, filing deadlines, standards of review, and other rules pertaining to Commission review of the Administrator's decisions).